

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

DOCKET NO. 3:09CR13

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
v.)	PRELIMINARY ORDER
)	OF FORFEITURE
WILLIAM RAY WOOTEN)	

In the Bill of Indictment in this case, the United States sought forfeiture of property pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d), specifically, a firearm involved in a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g). At trial, defendant was convicted of the § 922(g) offense.

It is therefore ORDERED:


1. The United States is authorized to seize the following property, and it is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition according to law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. §853(n): one Braztech/Rossi 12 gauge shotgun, bearing serial number S12 SPO13302 and Remington 12 gauge shotgun shells, seized on or about December 10, 2008.

2. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §853(n)(1), the government shall publish as required by law notice of this order and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier, or within sixty days of first publication by the internet. This notice shall state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in each of the forfeited properties and any

additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought. The United States may, as permitted by law and to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in property that is the subject of this order of forfeiture, as a substitute for published notice.

3. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order and judgment of forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §853(n).

Signed: July 1, 2009


Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge

